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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Dr. Susan Herbst, president  
University of Connecticut  
Office of the President  
352 Mansfield Road  
Storrs, CT 06269-2048

Re: School of Dental Medicine

Dear President Herbst:

At its February 4, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the site visit report on the dental education program, advanced dental education programs in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, and advanced education in general dentistry-12-month, sponsored by the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine in Farmington, Connecticut. The Commission also considered the institution's response to the site visit report.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the programs the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. No additional information is requested from the programs at this time. The next site visit for the programs is scheduled for 2022.

The findings of the Commission on Dental Accreditation are noted in the enclosed Commission-approved Site Visit Report. Oral comments made by site visit team members during the course of the site visit are not to be construed as official site visit findings unless documented within the site visit report and may not be publicized. Further, publication of site visit team members' names and/or contact information is prohibited.

One copy of this report and the related enclosures have also been sent to the chief administrative officer and program director copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report and the related enclosures be forwarded to the chairpersons and appropriate faculty.

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, enrollment, faculty, facilities and curriculum. The Commission's policy and guidelines for reporting program changes are enclosed.

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***Note: The program's documentation for CODA (self-study, application, or reports to CODA, for example) must NOT contain any sensitive personally identifiable information ("Sensitive Information" or "PII") as outlined in "Privacy and Data Security Requirements for Institutions" (see below). Similarly, such documentation must not contain any identifiable patient information ("PHI"); therefore, no "patient identifiers" may be included (see below). This applies whether or not the program is required to comply with HIPAA.***

***Before sending documents such as self-studies or faculty CVs to CODA, institutions must fully and appropriately redact all PII and all PHI all patient identifiers such that the PII and patient identifiers cannot be read or otherwise reconstructed. Covering information with ink is not an appropriate means of redaction.***

***If the program/institution submits documentation that does not comply with the directives on PHI and PII (noted above), CODA will assess a penalty fee of \$1000 to the institution; a resubmission that continues to contain PHI or PII will be assessed an additional \$1000 fee.***

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The Commission has authorized use of the following statement by institutions or programs that wish to announce their programmatic accreditation by the Commission. Programs that wish to advertise the specific programmatic accreditation status granted by the Commission may include that information as indicated in italics below (see text inside square brackets); that portion of the statement is optional but, if used, must be complete and current.

The program in dental education, the advanced dental education programs in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, and advanced education in general dentistry-12-month are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and have been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"*]. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

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The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the postdoctoral program in advanced education in general dentistry. However, this education area is not one of the American Dental Association recognized dental specialty areas. Therefore, dentists graduating from this program cannot announce that they are specialists, as recognized by the American Dental Association.

The Commission wishes to thank you and the faculty and staff for their cooperation during the site visit. If this office can be of any assistance to you, please contact me by telephone, at 1-800-621-8099, extension 2721 or by e-mail, at [horanc@ada.org](mailto:horanc@ada.org).

Sincerely,



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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions  
Formal Report of the Site Visit  
Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs  
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence  
Authorized Enrollment Guidelines for Specialties

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